Goal 3: Academic Excellence and Opportunity

Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2026

Members Present: Stephanie Kimpel, Brett Ballinger, Doug Lunsford, Lisa Ritzer, Jen Trost, Farrah Cooperider

Topics Discussed:

- Early Literacy focus in grades K-2 to ensure students master necessary foundational skills to become skilled readers.
- Staff professional learning opportunities to improve quality instructional practices, and effective teaching skills.
- K-12 academic opportunities, including career pathways, exploration and discovery beginning in elementary grade bands.
- Redesigning the district's MTSS (multi-system tier for system support), including enrichment and intervention to close academic gaps and expand more critical thinking skills.
- Expansion of CCP courses at the high school- including partnerships with COTC to house instructors and also provide dual certification for in house staff.
- Addition of an engineering pathway for 8th grade students beginning with the 2026-27 school year, partnering with CTEC.

Next Meeting: TBD